

HELLCAT

MARVEL 5



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AFTER PACHECO
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Patsy Walker is a former teen celebrity turned super hero with supernatural and psychic powers. During her storied life, she's been an Avenger and private investigator, was married to the Son of Satan, died, went to hell and was resurrected. Having relocated to the West Coast, Patsy is determined to escape the ghosts of her past and claw out a new future as...

HELLCAT

"THE SEASON FINALE"

Patsy's boyfriend, Spalding Grantham, was brutally murdered. Patsy's memories leading up to the murder were cloudy, so she launched an investigation along with Sleepwalker. Before his death, Spalding secretly collaborated with Patsy's demonic ex-husband Daimon, who was trapped in the powerless form of a plush bunny. Daimon guided Spalding in the construction of a mystical True-Form Door.

With Sleepwalker's help, Patsy finally recovered some of her memories of the night Spalding died, including a battle with the demon Blackheart. But she was interrupted by the arrival of Daimon, who had used the door to restore his proper form and powers. Daimon abducted Patsy, also putting her through the door. And she has emerged... as Demonic Hellcat!

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MY MOTHER
SAYS I WAS A
GOOD GIRL.

BUT I MARRIED THE
SON OF SATAN.

I GUESS I SHOULDN'T
HAVE BEEN *SHOCKED* WHEN
I SAW HIS *REAL* FACE.

BUT I STILL
WENT *INSANE*.

...THE
MENFLESH
GARDEN...DON'T
LET THE FIRE
TOUCH ME...

I KILLED
MYSELF.

I WENT
TO HELL.



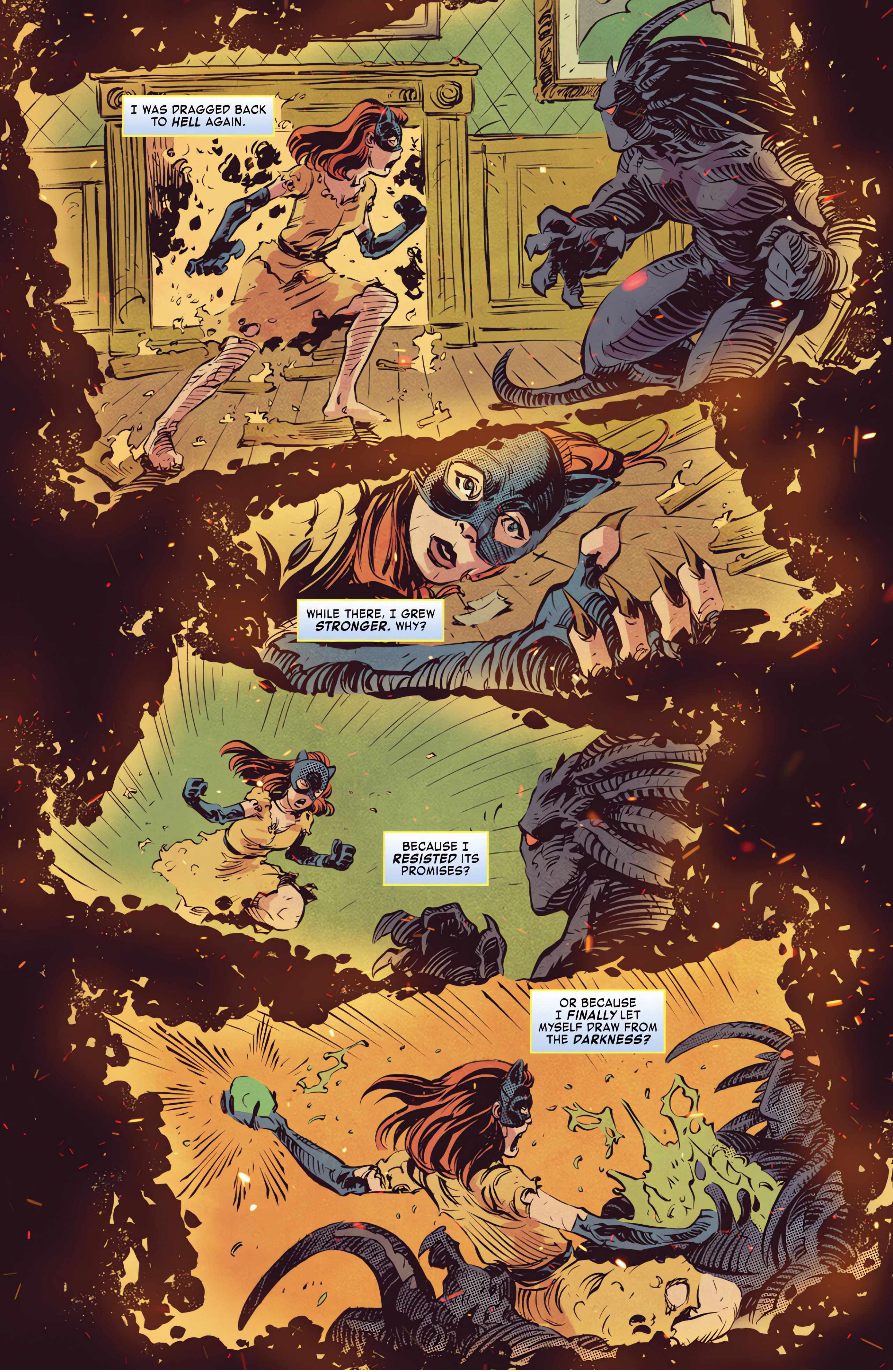
I CAME BACK.

BUT AS WHAT?

HUMAN?

HERO?

OR SOMETHING ELSE?



I WAS DRAGGED BACK
TO HELL AGAIN.

WHILE THERE, I GREW
STRONGER. WHY?

BECAUSE I
RESISTED ITS
PROMISES?

OR BECAUSE
I FINALLY LET
MYSELF DRAW FROM
THE DARKNESS?



THEN
I DIED
AGAIN.

I CAME
BACK ONCE
MORE.

HERO?

OR
SOMETHING
ELSE?



WHAT DID I **BRING BACK**
WITH ME FROM ALL THOSE
JOURNEYS TO HELL?

PATRICIA...
IT FEELS LIKE...
IT FEELS LIKE THE
DEVIL HAS HIS
HAND ON YOUR
SHOULDER.

OR WAS
I **ALWAYS**
THIS WAY?



HONESTLY, IT DOESN'T
MATTER ANYMORE.
BECAUSE I'LL TELL YOU...

...I FINALLY
FEEL LIKE
MYSELF.

Point Bonita Lighthouse.
Now.







HELLCAT...

THE
REALITY OF HELL
BENDS TO NO ONE,
SLEEPWALKER.

...NO!

YOU
DEAL IN MERE
DREAMS.

WE'RE LIVING
NIGHTMARES.

KITT NINNUCHH





HE
RETREATS.

AW. I
GUESS SHERIDAN
WOKE UP AFTER
ALL.

THEN I
WILL TAG IN, I
SUPPOSE...



...AND
RECLAIM MY
FATHER MEPHISTO'S
REALM FROM YOU
USURPERS ONCE
AND FOR ALL.

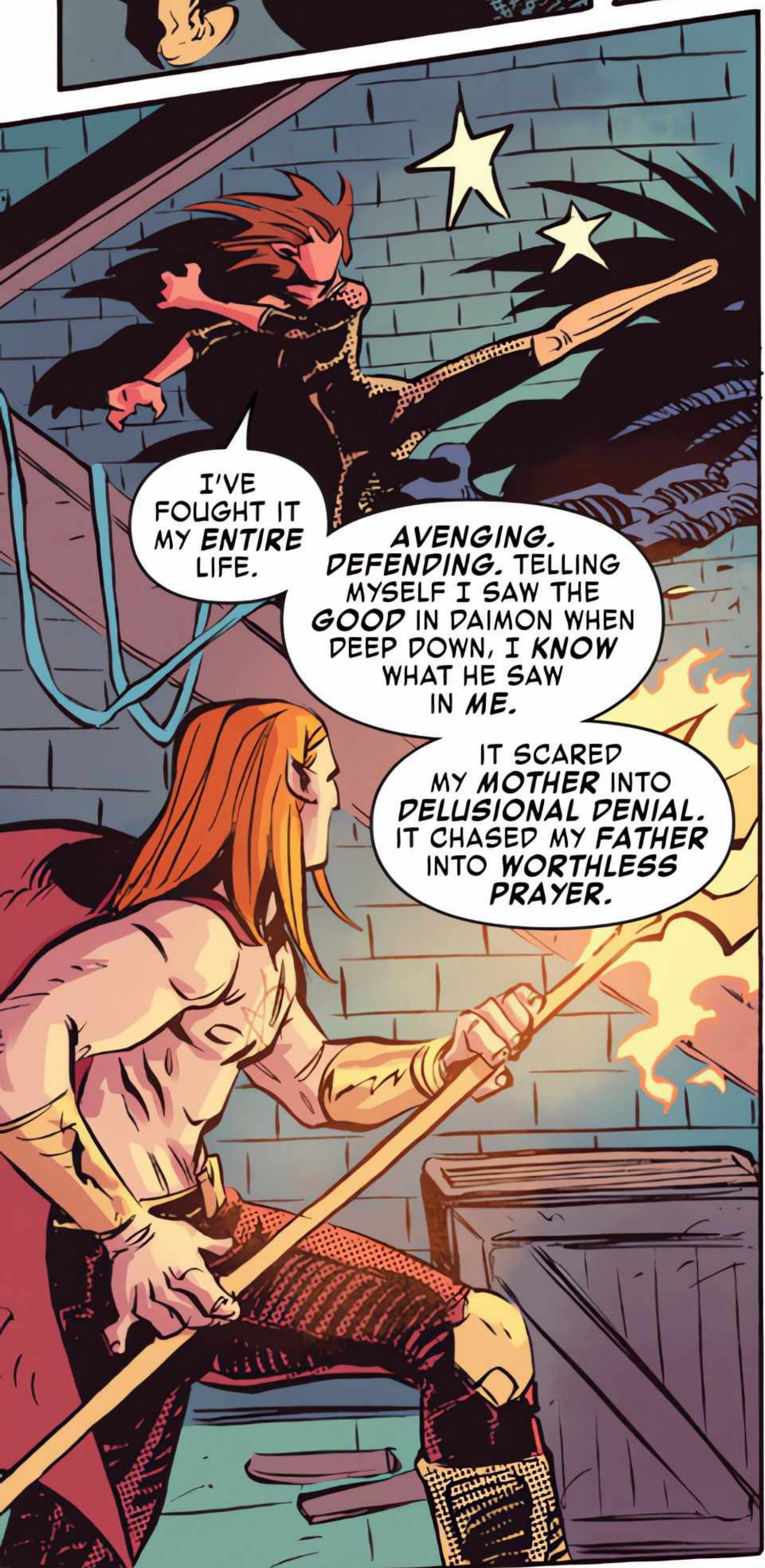
BLACK-
HEART. I ALMOST
FEEL SORRY FOR
YOU.

I DON'T.



YOU'RE JUST
A MANUFACTURED
LITTLE BEAST. A BUNCH
OF RANDOM EVIL SEWN
TOGETHER BY DADDY
TO SERVE AT HIS
WHIM.

ME? SPONSA
SATANAE. PRIMUM
MALUM.



I'VE
FOUGHT IT
MY ENTIRE
LIFE.

AVENGING.
DEFENDING. TELLING
MYSELF I SAW THE
GOOD IN DAEMON WHEN
DEEP DOWN, I KNOW
WHAT HE SAW
IN ME.

IT SCARED
MY MOTHER INTO
DELUSIONAL DENIAL.
IT CHASED MY FATHER
INTO WORTHLESS
PRAYER.



I HID. LICKED MY
WOUNDS. PLAYED THE
VICTIM. BUT I KNEW. AT
16, STANDING THERE AT
THAT GRAVE, BLOOD IN
MY GUILTY TEETH...
I KNEW.



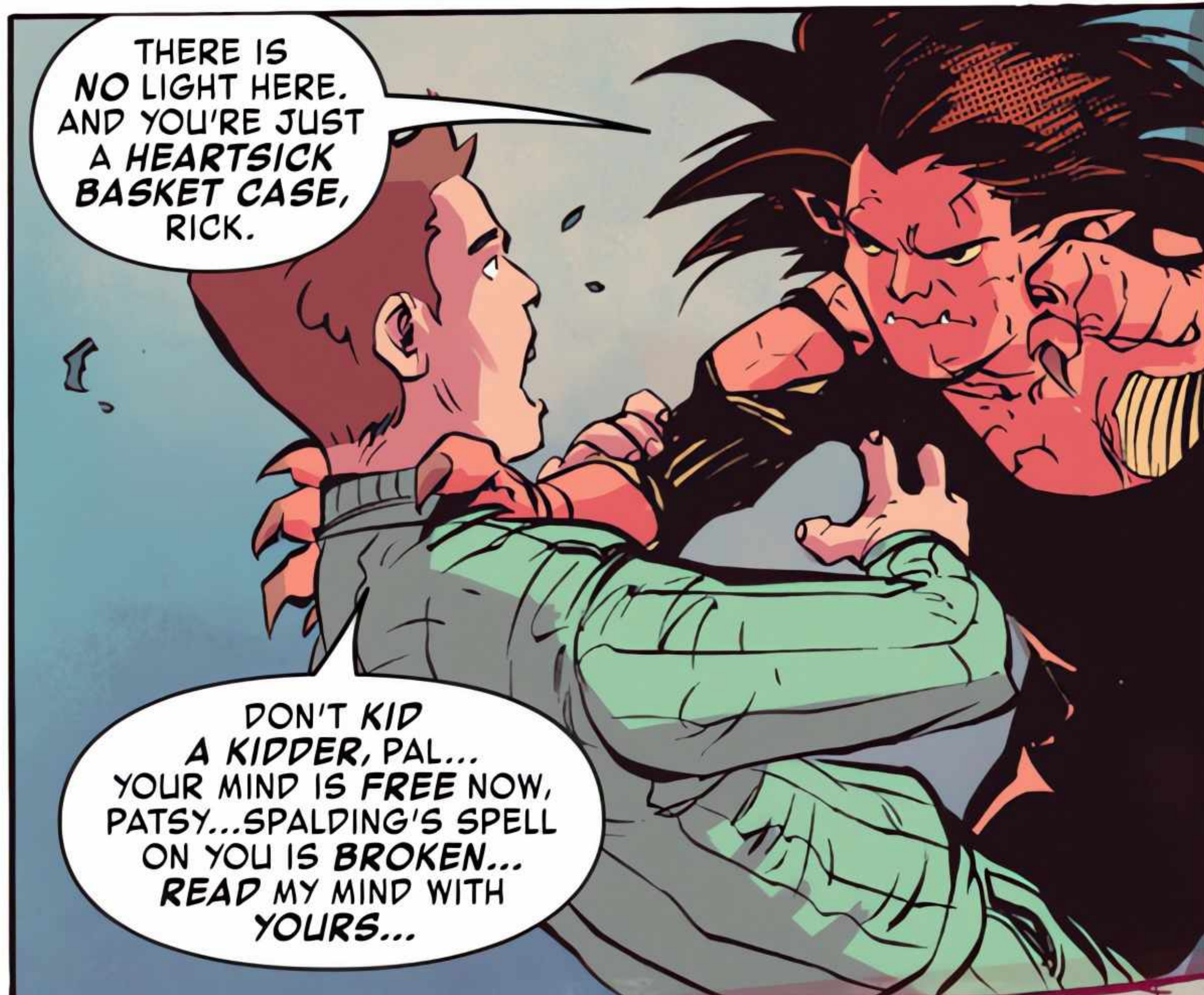
YOU'RE
WRONG,
PATSY.

YOU'RE
PLAIN
WRONG.



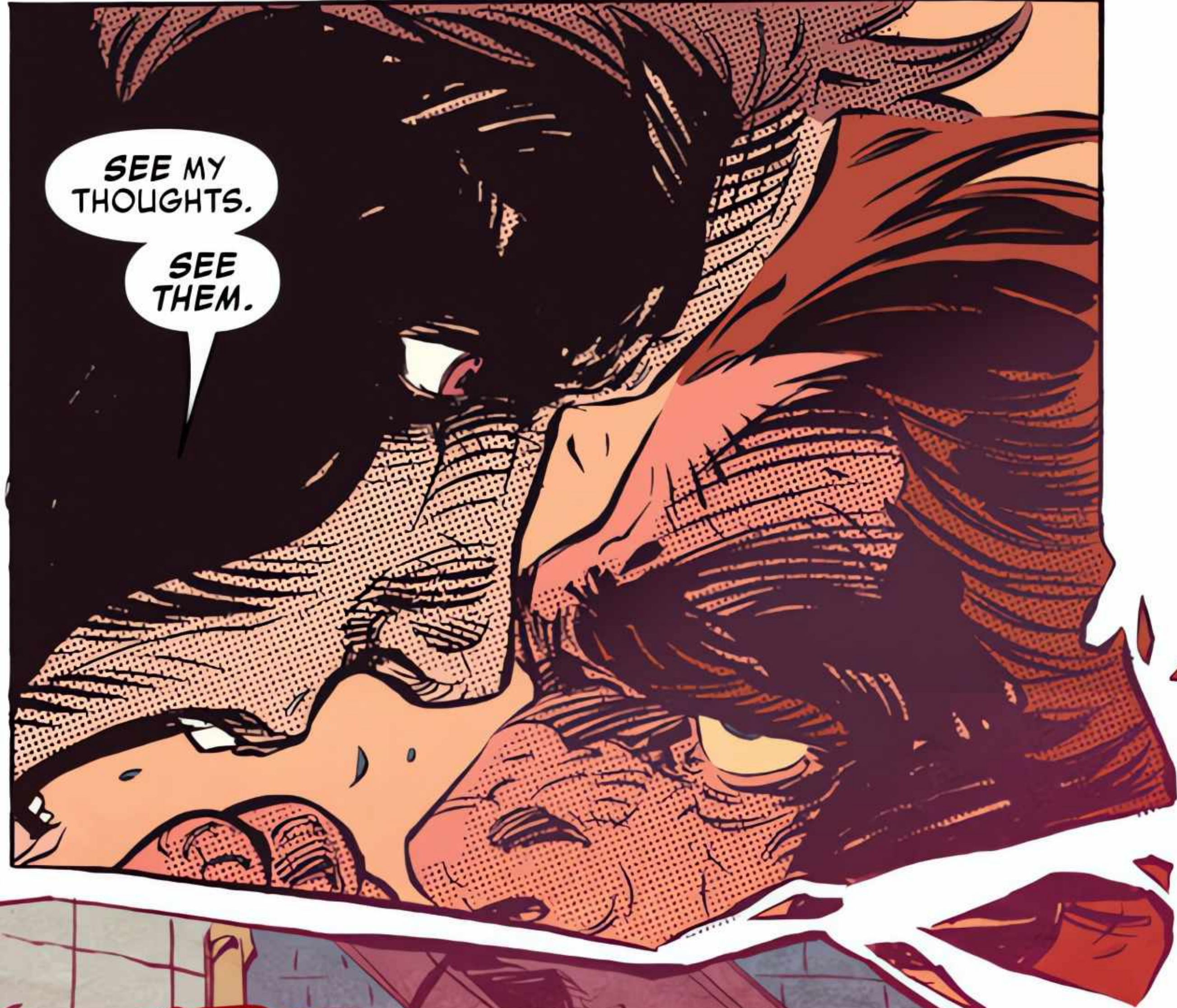
I KNOW THE **TRUTH**. SPALDING'S **DREAMS**. THE **IMAGINATOR**. IN ITS LAST BURST OF LIGHT...IT SHOWED ME **EVERY-THING**.

DON'T GET **DISTRACTED**, PATSY...



THERE IS NO LIGHT HERE. AND YOU'RE JUST A **HEARTSICK BASKET CASE**, RICK.

DON'T KID A KIDDER, PAL... YOUR MIND IS **FREE** NOW, PATSY...SPALDING'S SPELL ON YOU IS **BROKEN**... READ MY MIND WITH **YOURS**...



SEE MY THOUGHTS.

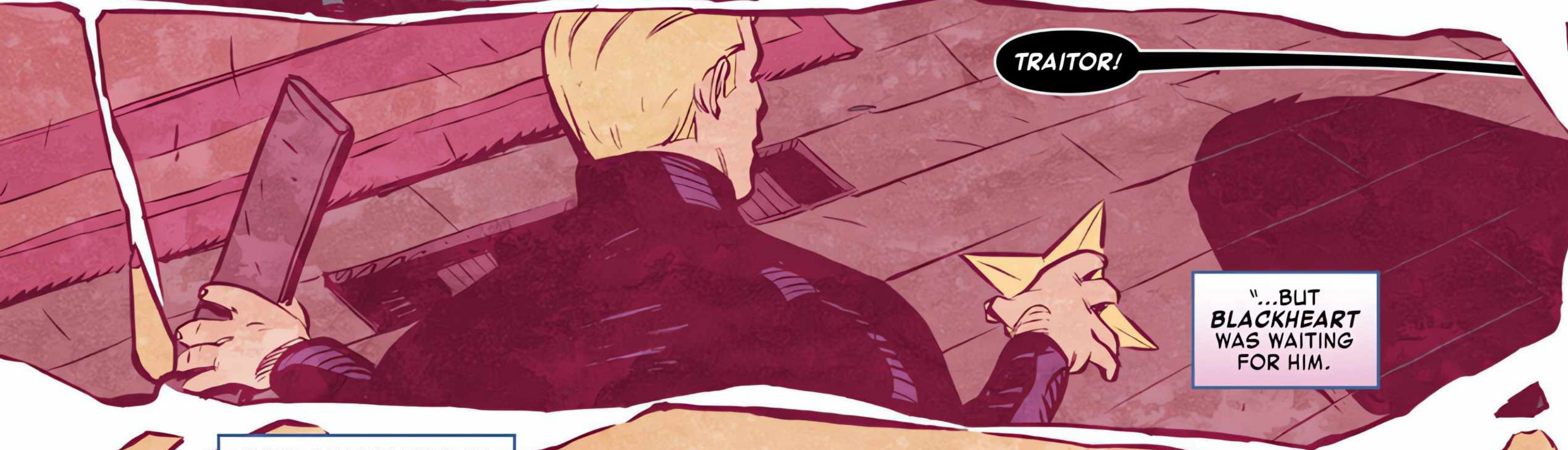
SEE THEM.



I CAN SEE...I SEE ALL...

GO. WE CANNOT RAISE THE SLEEPWALKER'S **SUSPICIONS**...

"ONCE DAIMON STEPPED THROUGH THE **TRUE-FORM DOOR**, HE ORDERED SPALDING TO **REPLACE** THE IMAGINATOR IN HIS HOUSE WHERE SLEEPWALKER HAD **HIDDEN** IT..."



TRAITOR!

"...BUT **BLACKHEART** WAS WAITING FOR HIM.



"HE'D CAUGHT WIND OF SPALDING **CONVERTING** THE **DOOR**, AIDING THE **SON OF SATAN** INSTEAD OF HIM AND MEPHISTO..."

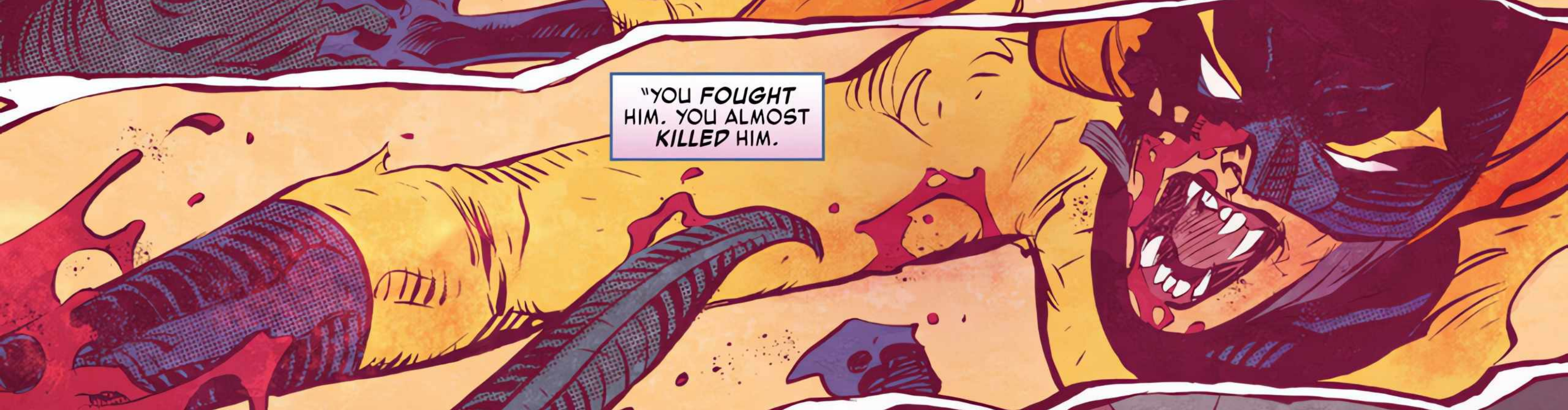
YOU WANT TO SEE **TRUE HELL**? I WILL TAKE YOU THERE MYSELF!



"YOU HEARD THE **YELLING**.
YOU **PROTECTED** SPALDING.



"YOU **ASSUMED**
BLACKHEART WAS
THERE FOR YOU.



"YOU **FOUGHT**
HIM. YOU ALMOST
KILLED HIM.



"BUT **DAIMON** HAD SHOWN
SPALDING WHAT HE'D ALWAYS
WANTED TO **SEE**. HIS EYES
WERE **OPEN** NOW. AND WHEN
HE LOOKED AT YOU...



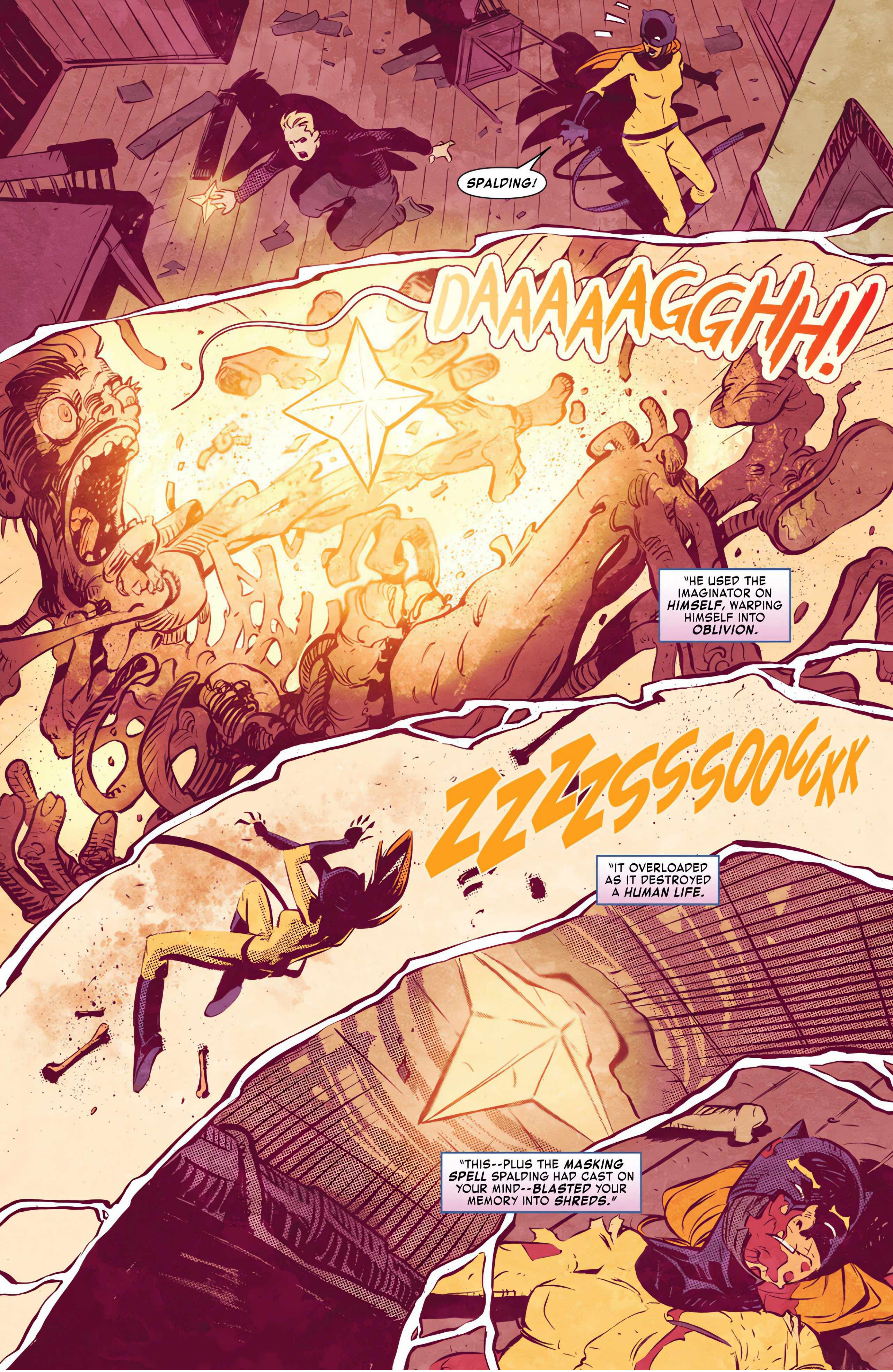
SPALDING,
IT'S **ME**! IT'S
OKAY!



I CAN
SEE! I CAN
SEE!



"...HIS MIND COULDN'T **HANDLE** IT.
JUST LIKE **YOURS** COULDN'T WHEN
YOU LOOKED UPON **DAIMON**.



SPALDING!

DAAAAAGGH!

"HE USED THE IMAGINATOR ON HIMSELF, WARPING HIMSELF INTO OBLIVION."

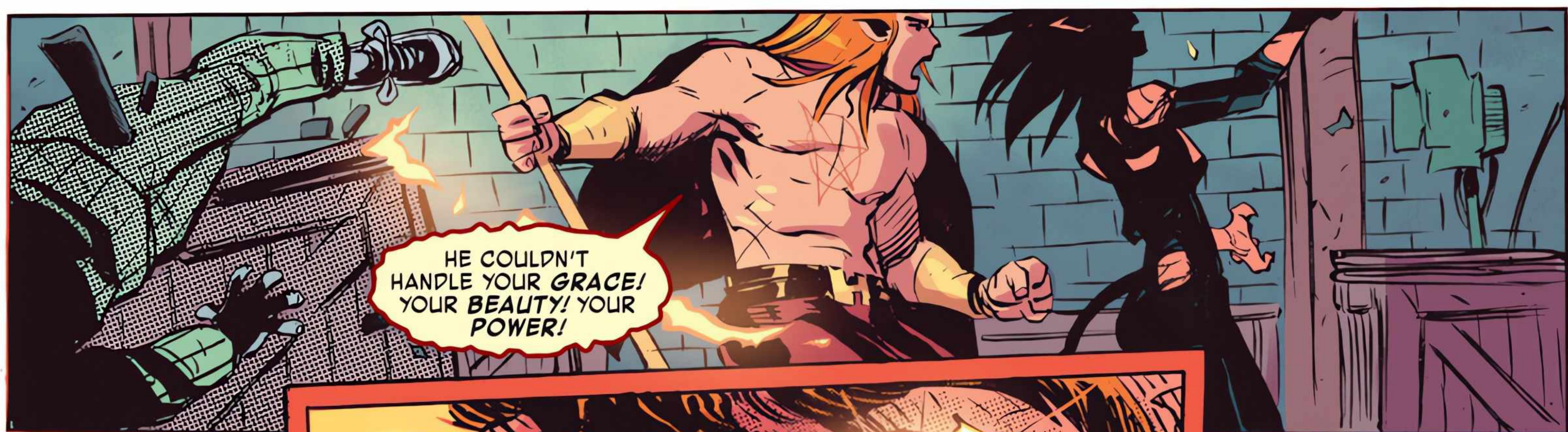
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"IT OVERLOADED AS IT DESTROYED A HUMAN LIFE."

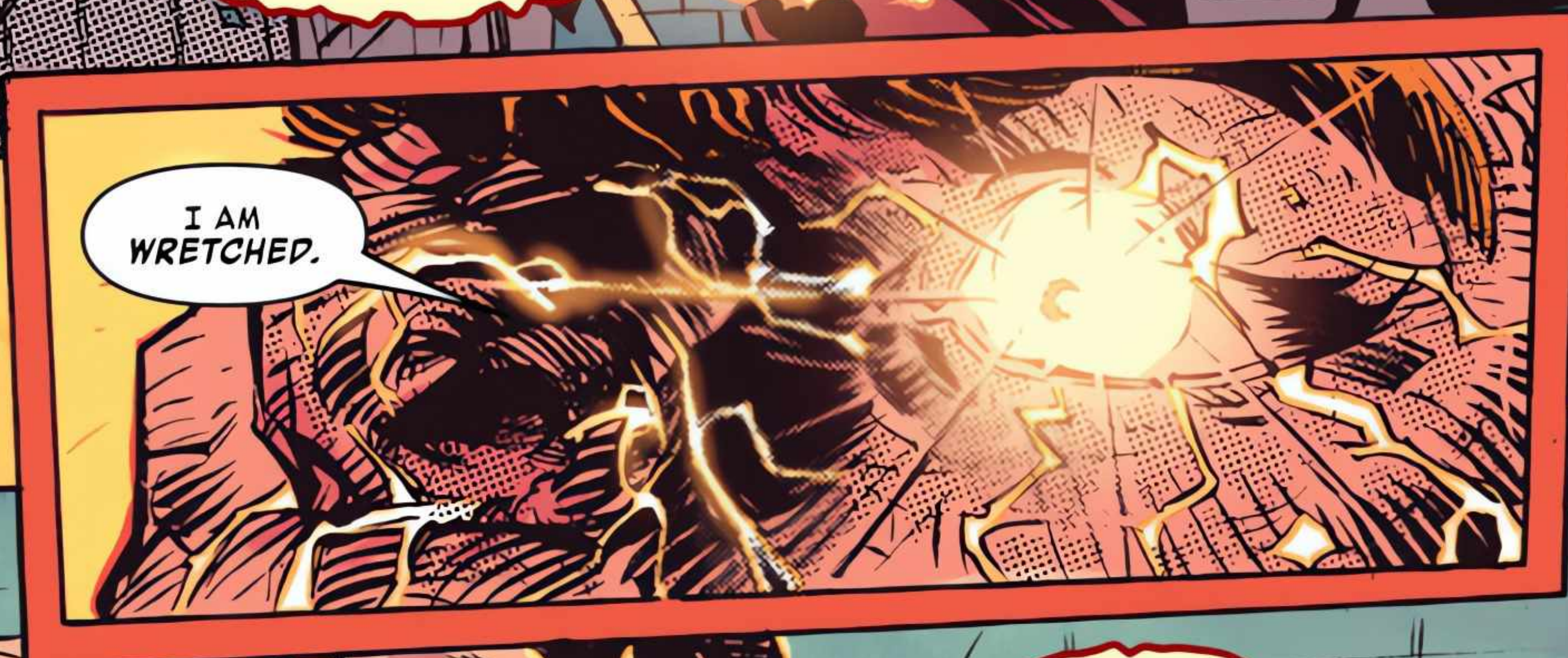
"THIS--PLUS THE MASKING SPELL SPALDING HAD CAST ON YOUR MIND--BLASTED YOUR MEMORY INTO SHREDS."



HE KILLED
HIMSELF...BECAUSE
OF WHAT HE SAW
IN ME...



HE COULDN'T
HANDLE YOUR *GRACE!*
YOUR *BEAUTY!* YOUR
POWER!



I AM
WRETCHED.



NO, YOU'RE
STRONG--

WRETCHED!





PATSY...
I STILL LOVE
ALL THAT YOU ARE...
GOOD...BAD...
ALL OF IT...

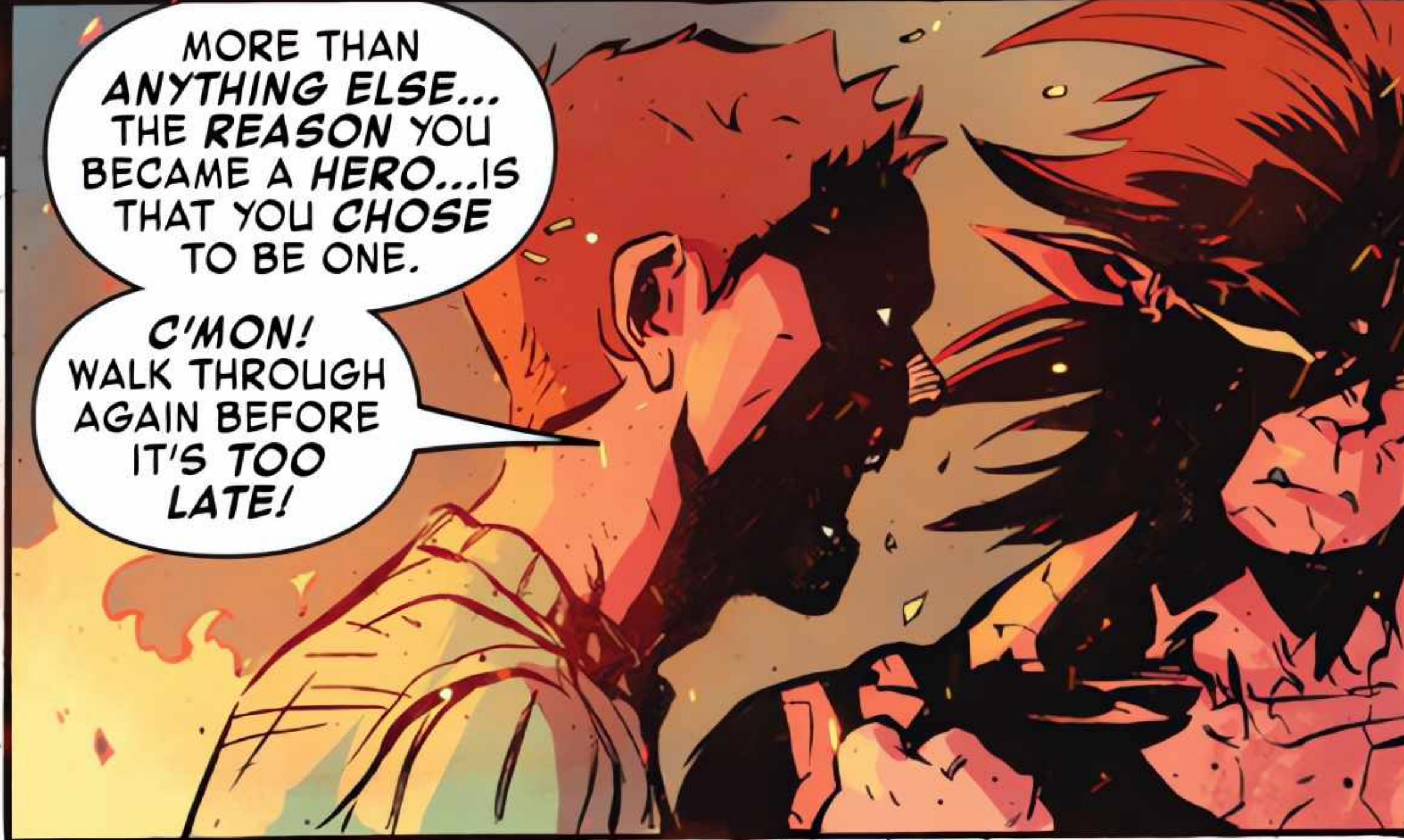
WHAT...?



WALK THROUGH
THE **TRUE-FORM**
DOOR AGAIN.

I ALREADY
DID. THIS IS
WHO I AM.

NO ONE
IS JUST ONE
THING, PATSY
WALKER.



MORE THAN
ANYTHING ELSE...
THE **REASON** YOU
BECAME A **HERO**...IS
THAT YOU **CHOSE**
TO BE ONE.

C'MON!
WALK THROUGH
AGAIN BEFORE
IT'S TOO
LATE!



THE
IMAGINATOR
POWERED THE
DOOR...AND IT'S
GONE...

**BUT WE
REMAIN.**



THIS DOOR
NOW DRAWS FROM
THE **STRENGTH** OF
THE **MINDSCAPE**. THE
CONVICTION OF ITS
SLEEPWALKERS.

WE
BELIEVE IN
SHERIDAN. SHERIDAN
BELIEVES IN
YOU.



THAT
DOOR ALREADY
SHOWED ME THE
TRUTH!

DAIMON LIES!
HELL IS LIES! SO
MUCH IS LIES, SO MUCH IS
EMPTINESS, LONELINESS...
BUT THERE ARE STILL SLIVERS
OF HOPE, OF GOOD!
GOOD IN YOU!

EVERY DOOR
REVOLVES.



LIGHT IS DARK, AND
DARK IS LIGHT.



WHAT DID I
BRING BACK
WITH ME?



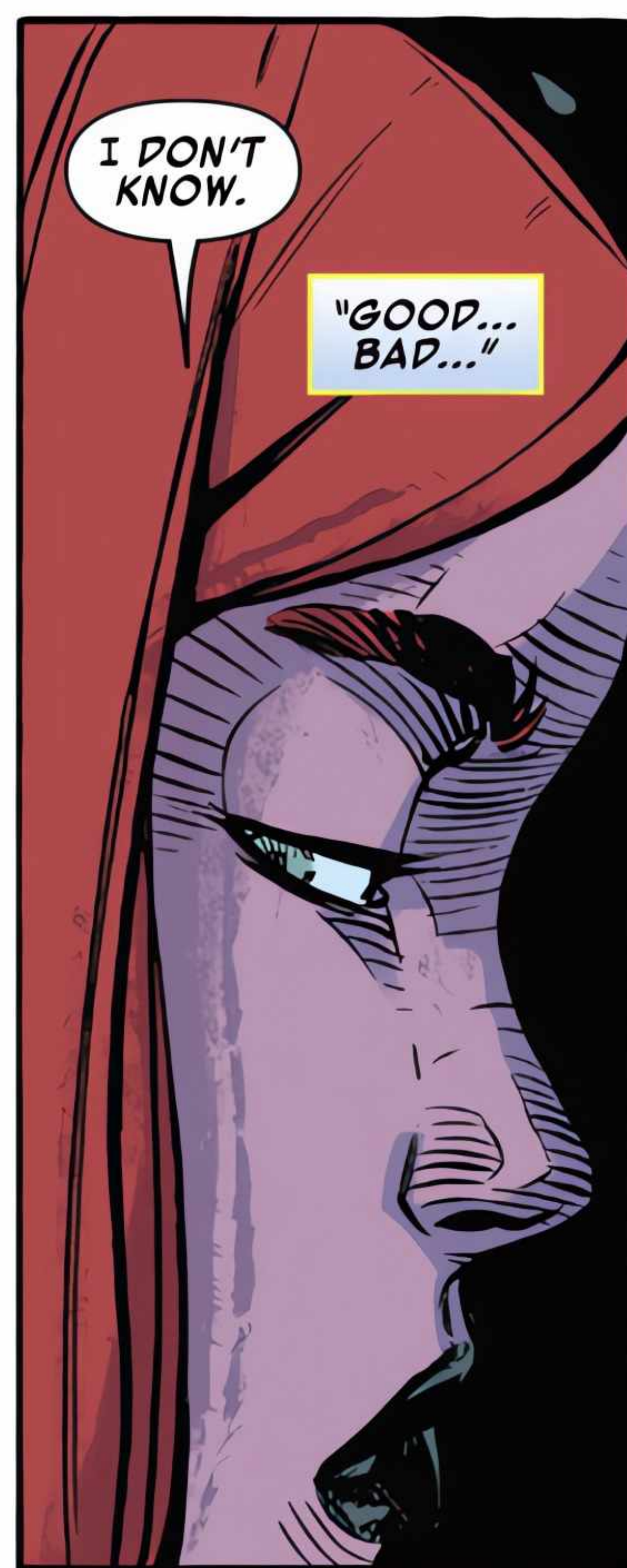
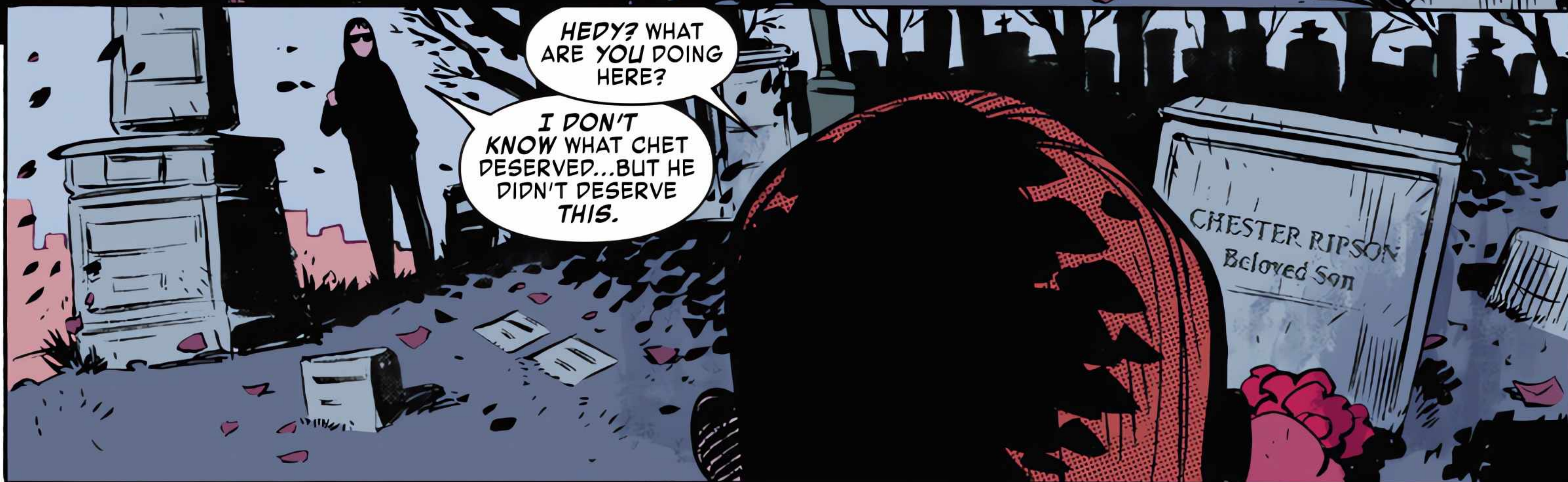
OR WAS
I ALWAYS
THIS WAY?

GOOD...
BAD...

16 Years Old.

"...WHO'S
TO SAY?"

I'M SORRY,
CHET...I'M SO
SORRY...



Rogers-Lavalle
Psychiatric
Hospital.
Now.



...WHO'S
TO SAY...?

RICK. HOW
LONG DOES SHE
HAVE TO *STAY*
HERE?

I DON'T
KNOW.

PATSY?
IT'S ME...

...TONY.
I'M...

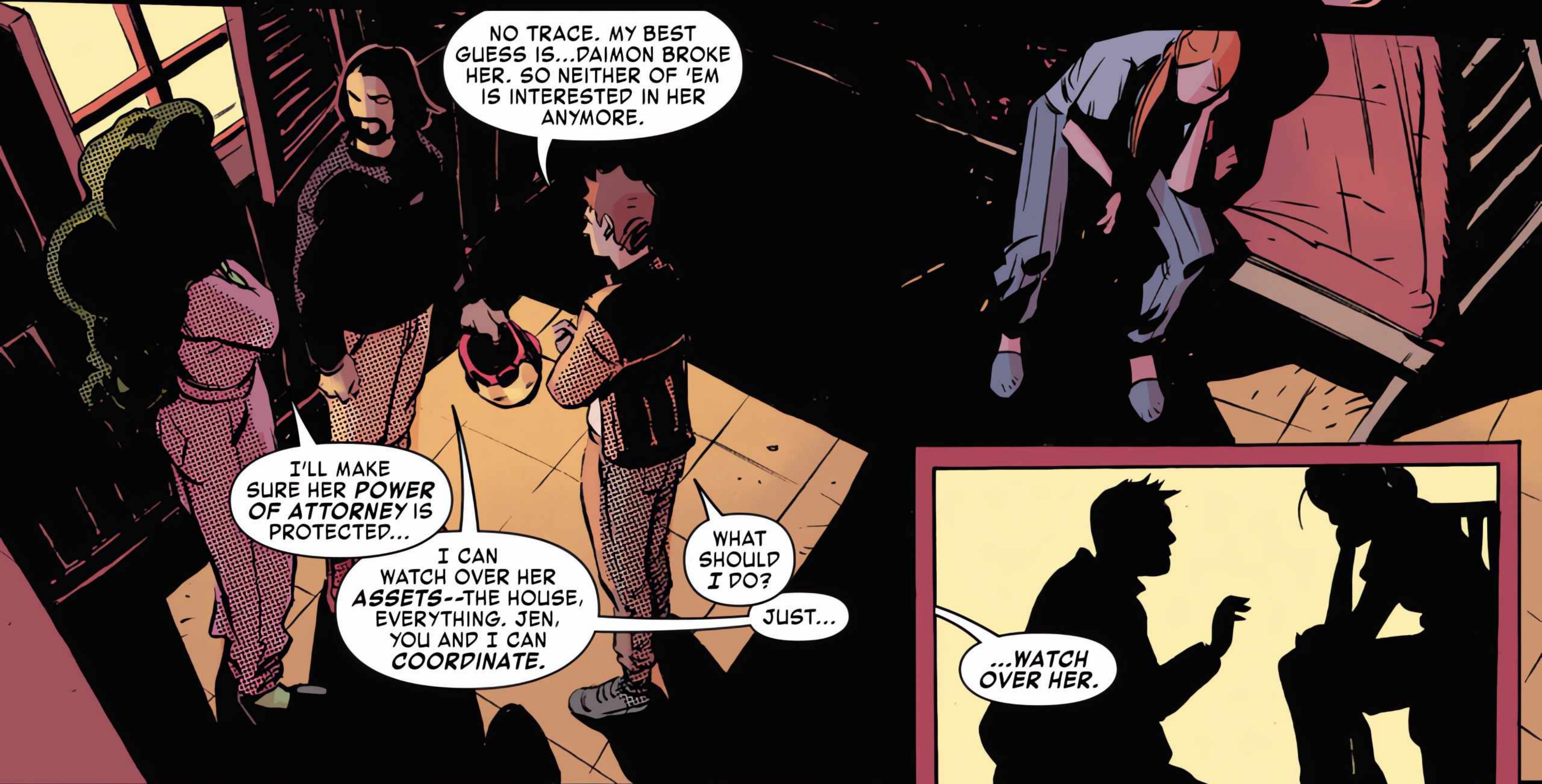
GOOD...
BAD...

...I'M
HERE
FOR YOU,
PATSY.

...WHO'S
TO SAY...?

PATSY,
IT'S *JENNIFER*.
I'M HERE TOO.
WHATEVER YOU
NEED.

WHAT
ABOUT DAIMON
AND BLACK-
HEART?



NO TRACE. MY BEST
GUESS IS...DAIMON BROKE
HER. SO NEITHER OF 'EM
IS INTERESTED IN HER
ANYMORE.

I'LL MAKE
SURE HER *POWER*
OF ATTORNEY IS
PROTECTED...

I CAN
WATCH OVER HER
ASSETS--THE HOUSE,
EVERYTHING. JEN,
YOU AND I CAN
COORDINATE.

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?

JUST...

...WATCH
OVER HER.



WILL PATSY BE OKAY?



EVENTUALLY. NO THANKS TO YOU, DOROTHY.

I DON'T APPRECIATE THAT KIND OF CRITICISM. YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE A DAUGHTER LIKE PATSY. TO GO TO SUCH LENGTHS TO PROTECT HER.

SHE'S A GOOD GIRL.



ALL THE SAME...

DEPART, TRANSGRESSOR, GIVE PEACE...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



PICKED IT UP FROM AN OLD FRIEND NAMED SPALDING. EXORCISM SPELL. IT GETS RID OF UNWANTED GHOSTS.

WHEN PATSY COMES HOME, I FIGURE SHE COULD USE SOME SPACE.



SEE YA, MRS. WALKER.

NO!

GOOD...



BAD...



...WHO'S TO SAY?



GOOD. BAD.



WHO'S TO SAY?



GOOD. BAD.



WHO'S
TO SAY?

The End.

HELLCAT

Dear Hellcat team,

This is my first time ever writing one of these letters, but after picking up HELLCAT #1 by Christopher Cantwell, Alex Lins, KJ Diaz and the entire Hellcat team, I knew I had to.

I love a good murder mystery, and I was blown away by the quality and how much I loved Patsy as a character. I must have reread the first issue three more times after that, and once that wasn't enough, I did the only reasonable thing I could do: go back and reread as much of her backlog as possible with Marvel Unlimited! I started with Kate Leth and Brittney L. Williams' fantastic run on PATSY WALKER, A.K.A. HELLCAT and then moved over to Christopher's IRON MAN run, both of which became instant favorites of mine and made Patsy an all-time favorite character of mine.

I already went out and bought the additional variants for issue #1 and plan to continue buying them for the rest of this miniseries. I hope it does well, and I hope Christopher and the team can continue to write more Patsy in the future! Thank you so much for introducing me to one of my new favorite characters who I can both connect to and desperately try to see more of wherever I can. I just hope I can find back issues of those original PATSY WALKER comics now...

Carter Gil de Rubio

We are thrilled that this series, built firmly on the foundation of all of those earlier stories, inspired your newfound love for Hellcat! Welcome to the club, Carter!

Hey, Martin and fellow catnippers,

Patsy Walker was my first love (hey, I was a mature 7-year-old, okay?), and ever since I read my first comic book--AVENGERS #144--I've been a Hellcat junkie. I love reading old issues, even before she became Hellcat, especially the ones that Stan did, cutting his professional teeth before FF #1 (as well as Affable Al Jaffee of MAD magazine fame).

Love issues #1 and 2. Hellcat's stories swing like a pendulum, from lighthearted romps to emotional jaunts--it's a sine wave of mania and melancholy, not unlike the human experience. I really wish that there was an ongoing series.

Meanwhile, I'll enjoy the next few issues of the current series that Christopher, Alex et al. have whipped up. Then I'll get back to playing my old guitar Patsy. The world needs more of Hellcat's whimsy.

Keep calm and meow on,
Papajama Joe

Thanks for riding the emotional waves with us--and give our regards to Guitar Patsy!

Hi, Hellcat Crew,

Cantwell's miniseries so far goes in an emotionally dark direction for Patsy without coming out of left field. Is she as good as her past happy-go-lucky behavior might suggest? It's satisfying and intriguing to this reader to learn about such things as Patsy's writing other students' papers for cash or to wonder whether Patsy's relationship with Hedy's ex was partly retaliatory

against Hedy. Then again, the time Hellcat was possessed by a demon thanks to her dying mother showed off hints of Patsy's nastier side.

So, I want to see if Patsy will use Sleepwalker's little badge to be free of gunshot wounds or who really killed Hedy's ex. Then again, if the perp is someone supernatural, how do you ensure they get punished?

Peter Wong

Patsy's demonic possession back in the day played a role in our current story--so good call, Peter!

As the series comes to a close with this issue, let me say thank you to you all for reading, writing in and supporting this series--it's been a true dream project that was brought to astonishing life by the amazing creative team of Chris, Alex, KJ, Ariana, Pere and Marte. These stories and characters are a mirror of our real lives and help shape us in ways that are truly profound, across many decades.

Thank you all for being a part of it. If you'd like to see more of Patsy, be sure to email us at MHEROES@MARVEL.COM and let us know! Mark your messages "okay to print" a chance to see them featured in future issues.

--Martin

If you are struggling with thoughts of suicide, or are worried about a friend or loved one, please reach out to a counselor or someone you trust or dial 988 for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

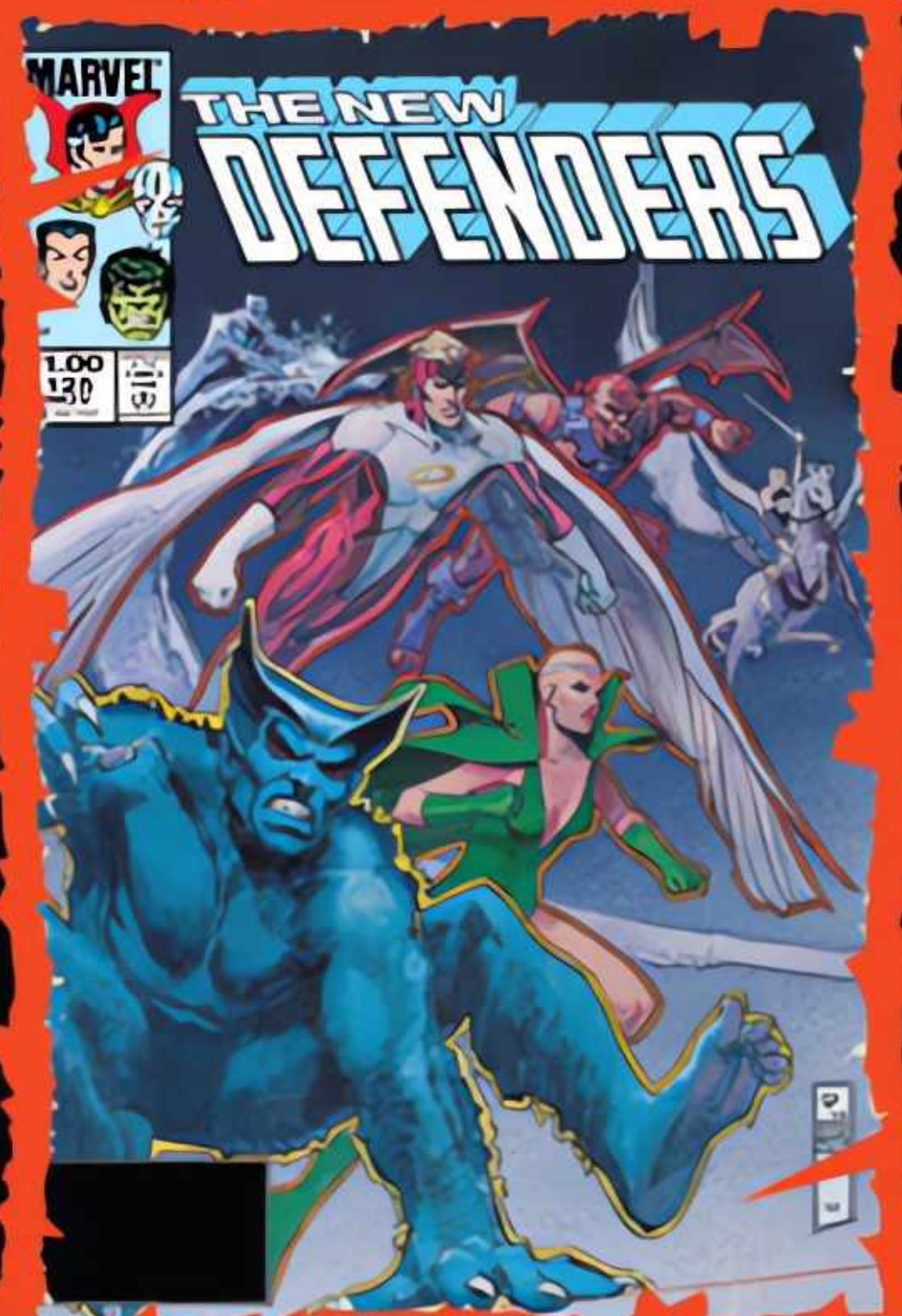
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In this issue of HELLCAT, we flashed back to many pivotal moments in Patsy's life. Below, you'll find a guide to the issues in which these milestones took place so you can seek out the full stories. Happy Reading!



AVENGERS #144

Helicat makes her debut! With the aid of the mighty Avengers, Patsy first takes on the identity of Helicat!

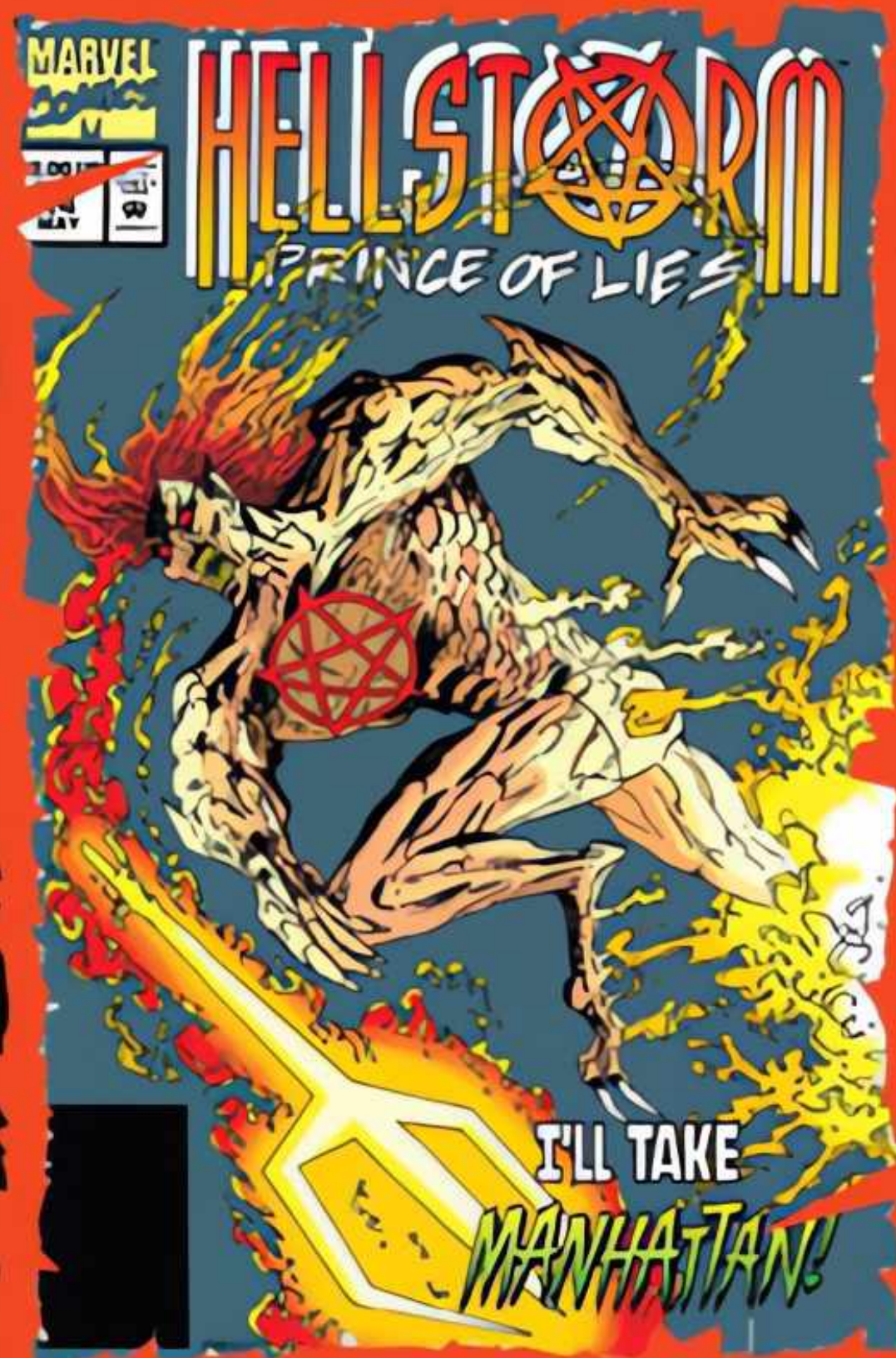


NEW DEFENDERS #125

Featuring Patsy's wedding to Daimon Hellstrom, which promptly gets interrupted by her vengeful ex, Mad-Dog.

HELLSTORM: PRINCE OF LIES #14

After glimpsing her husband Daimon's monstrous true self, a despondent Patsy is maneuvered by Deathurge into Hell.



THUNDERBOLTS ANNUAL #2000

Hawkeye and the Thunderbolts venture into Hell to bring Patsy back with them.



HELLCAT #1

After being granted a (literal!) new lease on life, Helicat also debuts a new costume and faces off against Dormammu.

IRON MAN/HELLCAT ANNUAL #1

Helicat relocates to San Francisco, reunites with her mother's ghost and Hedy and battles Blackheart in Hell... with help from Iron Man!

